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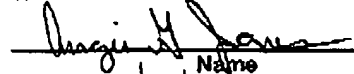
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Examiner: Rayford, Sandra M.

Filed: August 20, 2003

Atty. Docket: 2102.0020001

For: **Cook and Chill Casing****Information Disclosure Statement***Mail Stop Amendment*

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- ☐ 5. The document(s) was/were cited in a search report by a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application. Submission of an English language version of the search report that indicates the degree of relevance found by the foreign office is provided in satisfaction of the requirement for a concise explanation of relevance. 1138 OG 37, 38.
- ☐ 6. A concise explanation of the relevance of the non-English language document(s) appears below in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3).
- ☒ 7. Copies of documents AL1, AR1, AS1, AT1, AR2, AS2, AT2, and AR3 are enclosed for the Examiner. However, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2), copies of the U.S. patents and patent application publications cited on the attached Form PTO-1449 are not enclosed.
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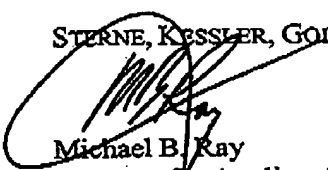
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It is respectfully requested that the Examiner initial and return a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449, and indicate in the official file wrapper of this patent application that the documents have been considered.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

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	AE1	2,802,617	08/1957	Roper			
	AF1	2,939,606	06/1960	Durbin			
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	AC2	3,677,438	07/1972	Esposito			
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